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BROOKS UNVEILS NEW ELEPHANT SPLASH POOL

Donors Acknowledged for Their Support

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** joined Seneca Park Zoo officials today for a ribbon cutting of the new Elephant Splash Pool. The splash pool holds approximately 50,000 gallons of water and is 5-feet deep at its deepest point.

*"This is an exciting and special day for all of us as we officially cut the ribbon on the new Elephant Splash Pool," said **Brooks**. "The people of Monroe County rallied around this project and through their generous donations to the Experience Great Things campaign, we were able to make this project a reality for Genny C. and Lilac."*

Brooks acknowledged the leadership and support of Rachel Baker August, Executive Director of the Seneca Park Zoo Society, and Jean and Gabe Dalmath, who chaired the *Experience Great Things* campaign. As a memorial to Gabe Dalmath, Brooks and Zoo officials have honored Gabe's memory by naming the splash pool's overlook after him.

The Davenport Hatch Foundation and Buttrill family were also recognized for their generous donations to the Elephant Splash Pool.

*"The addition of this Splash Pool completes the original vision for this exhibit and allows the elephants to express their complete range of behaviors," said **Larry Sorel**, County Zoo Director. "It will be very rewarding to see it put to full use."*

No County tax dollars were used to fund this project. Instead, the entire splash pool was built entirely on funds raised through *Experience Great Things* and the Seneca Park Zoo Society.

*"Our Board of Trustees worked hard to raise the \$1.1 million needed to design and build this simulated watering hole for our elephants," said **Rachel Baker August**, Executive Director of the Seneca Park Zoo Society. "It connects directly with our mission to provide an exhibit element in our Zoo which educates our community on the needs of animals in zoos and in the wild."*

The opening of the splash pool marks the completion of Phase II of *A Step Into Africa* expansion project and the Elephant Exhibit.

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